

## COUNTY CORRESPONDENCE.

## NEWSY LETTERS FROM OUR SPECIAL CORRESPONDENTS.

Items of Interest From all Parts of Sumter and Adjoining Counties.

## NOTICE TO CORRESPONDENTS.

Mail your letters so that they will reach this office not later than Tuesday morning. When the letters are received Wednesday it is almost an impossibility to have them appear in the paper issued that day.

## LYNCHBURG.

Lynchburg, April 10.—The election for intendant and wardens for the town of Lynchburg today resulted in the election of Mr. M. L. McIntosh, the incumbent, as intendant and Messrs. T. N. Griffin, G. W. Stokes, W. E. McIntosh and D. P. Dennis, wardens for one year. The vote was tight, in consequence of there being no opposing ticket. Only 36 votes were cast. The colored voters, from some cause, took absolutely no interest in the election, leaving the matter entirely with the whites, in whom they doubtless have implicit confidence. The new council will have a better opportunity of showing what they can do than the retiring one, or ones.

Several new buildings are in course of erection in this little town. The Griffin & McLeod Banking and Mercantile Company's large store is nearing completion and will be ready for use in about two weeks more, and will be a handsome and imposing structure.

Dr. J. W. Tarrant has commenced work on his new drug store, and when fully completed will be an up-to-date drug store.

Mr. L. V. Brown and Mr. M. L. McIntosh are moving the work on their new residences, and they will soon be ready for occupancy.

A new sidewalk from the A. C. L. railroad to Col. J. A. Rhame's is being made.

Mr. G. W. Stokes will soon have completed his saw mill, dry kiln and planing outfit, and he will operate a furniture factory in connection with this. In fact his main object is to manufacture furniture.

If there isn't a dozen marriages in this little town within the next few months, then all signs truly fail sometimes. This number, judging from every thing that tends to indicate matrimony, surely is a certainty.

Dr. Barden, formerly of Charleston has located here.

The Atlantic Coast Line Company will make some much needed changes in this place in the near future.

Miss Ada Bell McLeod of Florida is visiting at Mr. W. T. McLeod's.

Hon. E. D. Smith has gone to New Orleans.

## STATEBURG.

Stateburg, April 9.—Miss Sarah Nelson returned today from Charleston where she has been visiting Mrs. Temple Frierson.

Mr. W. W. Rees of Sumter spent Sunday at his old home.

Miss H. Lee Moore is spending a few days at home.

Mr. F. P. Burgess was the guest of Mr. D. B. McLaurin of Wedgefield on Sunday.

Rev. W. H. Barnwell visited friends in Clarendon today.

Misses Anna Burgess and Ina R. Mellette spent Sunday with Mrs. Peter Mellette of Wedgefield.

Messrs. Charles Plinkney, Frank Burgess and Gus Fild spent Saturday in Sumter.

## WISACKY.

Wisacky, April 9.—Spring has opened beautifully and farm work is being pushed. Corn planting is the order of the day, and some few farmers are planting cotton. The oat crop is very promising. The fruit crop is greatly injured, if not entirely destroyed.

The health of the community is much better since the measles have subsided, only a few cases of sickness at present.

Mr. Hugh Scott has been quite sick for some time, but his friends are glad to know he is getting well again.

Mr. Hopkins' little son, Grover, is very sick with typhoid fever.

The Wisacky school was closed for two weeks in March on account of measles in the school and now the teacher, Mr. Wilson Scott, is quite sick with gripe.

Miss Florrie May Smith of Bishopville spent yesterday with us.

The school children will have an Easter egg hunt the 14th, at Mr. M. L. Williams.

## PRIVATEER.

Privateer, April 10.—Misses Tallulah and Edna Ramsey spent the past week with relatives in Wedgefield.

Miss Daisy Lide spent Friday and Saturday with friends in Darlington.

Miss Annie Wells spent Friday and Saturday with friends in Wedgefield.

Miss May Harvin and Mrs. Charlie Rigby of Manning spent the past week at Mr. S. A. Harvin's.

Mr. Kelly of Timmonsville is spending this week at Mr. Perry Ingram's.

Mr. T. H. Harvin, with his daughter, Miss May, of Silver are spending the week at Mr. S. A. Harvin's.

Mr. and Mrs. F. M. Mellette of

Stateburg spent Sunday at Mr. M. G. Ramsey's.

The Bethel congregation are having their church and parsonage repaired.

Some of the farmers are planting cotton, but the majority of them don't seem to be in any hurry.

Old Uncle Derry Pack, as he was known to all in the neighborhood, was buried Sunday. He claimed to be about 115 years old.

## DALZEIL.

Dalzell, April 11.—The farmers are becoming distressed about the delay in the shipment of fertilizers. Some have not received any, and others very little. Those who were more fortunate have begun planting cotton.

The Hon. A. K. Sanders, of Hagood, who is spoken of as a candidate for State senator in case Senator Manning runs for governor, spent the day with friends here last Sunday.

The children of this place are very busy making preparation for Easter exercises, to be held at the Presbyterian church next Sunday.

Our quiet little "burg" was very agreeably surprised Monday night by a party of young folks from the Myers section, who were out on a moonlight serenade. One young man woke up very excited from the sound of the music and without very much thought as to who it was, went to the front door, possibly to give his listeners a speech of welcome, or to tell them he would be out with the cake and wine if they would be so kind as to play while he made the preparation for this hospitality. After opening the door and seeing among the group several young ladies, who went to make the party complete, he very hurriedly shut the door and retired, without any noise whatever, to parts unknown to us. Nobody said anything about his return, but if there was anyone in the crowd who could have relished a piece of cake and a glass of wine, no doubt their appetites were sadly disappointed, for our young friend never returned.

We all sympathize with our esteemed friend and neighbor, Mr. E. W. Parker, in the loss of his barn, stables and all of his produce, besides one fine horse and two mules, by fire. The fire broke out about 5:30 o'clock this morning and before anything could be done everything was consumed. The fire started in a pile of hay near the barn where he had been baling the day before. His loss was about \$3,000 with only \$125 insurance.

Mr. J. F. P. said he never saw the like of so many red headed men as was on the jury this week.

I am under many obligations to our Superintendent of Education, S. Dwight Cain, and his honorable father for a pleasant "buggy ride" from your city last Monday evening.

No, Brother D., of Pisgah, we have no one that moves as fast as your Mr. Baker, but you see this is like the captain told the negro when he wanted him to pray for him. The negro commenced by saying: "Marse John I stole your old sow." Marse John replied: "Never mind the old sow, pray, for this is the push of time." So maybe Mr. B. felt this was the push of time with him, so did not let the grass grow under his feet.

## DURANT.

Mrs. Robbie Durant and children are spending some time with relatives in Orangeburg county.

Mr. J. M. Montgomery went as delegate from Concord church to Presbytery, which convened in Wedgefield last week.

Mr. Judson Witherspoon, returned to St. Charles Sunday after a flying trip home.

Miss Ruby Williams is with her sister, near Mayesville, for several days.

Mrs. J. T. McFaddin spent Saturday with relatives in Alcolu.

Mrs. W. P. Montgomery, accompanied by her brother, Mr. J. M. Witherspoon, returned home last Wednesday after a pleasant visit to friends in Mayesville.

## SALEM.

Salem, April 17.—Easter Sunday was an ideal day. The gentle rain of Saturday night laid the dust that abounded everywhere.

Miss Pearl McElveen gave an Easter egg hunt to the children on Saturday that afforded much amusement to them. She has undertaken the task of enlivening this dull place.

We are expecting Major Seale to accept an invitation extended to him to do some work on Black River causeway this week. His numbers have been so increased by the last term of court that he can well afford to spare us a day or two. It is not surprising that labor should be scarce when the jail house is full almost to overflowing.

Cotton planting is in all stages, some are through, while others are not so far advanced, others still have not begun. The next thing needed will be the Weatherly cotton chopper. If they are placed on the market just at this juncture when it is almost an impossibility to get laborers for this kind of work, it will indeed be in the line of progress, which is expected to lead to prosperity.

Robert Prince, a tenant on Mr. G. W. McBride's place, was very painfully if not seriously gored by an ox on Wednesday night last. The beast seems to have borne a bad reputation and has since been killed.

The congregation at Brick church had dwindled down to a hand full, but of late has been much larger than formerly. Rev. Richard Gillespie will preach here on next Sunday.

The Sunday school has gone into "summer quarters." The superintendent having recently resigned and no one has come forward to take his place.

Willie Muldrow, Esq., of the Anderson bar, is visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Muldrow.

Mrs. S. E. Corbett and three grandchildren of Camden are visiting relatives here.

Mr. Robert Muldrow of Pinewood was over on yesterday looking after some sick friends.

The many friends and admirers of Hon. A. K. Sanders here will be pleased to see him come forward for senatorial honors and we will do the rest. He is the man to do honor to his county, his constituents and credit to himself. He having served in the

lower house to the satisfaction of all, it will be no experiment to send him to the Senate. Then again the country has but one representative at present and would not have had even one had not the hand of Providence so decreed.

There was an attempt to get up a farmers' meeting at Mayesville last week, but the big guns were conspicuously absent and the lesser ones would not explode. The meeting adjourned until the collection of a crowd.

The Mayesville dispensary seems to be existing under closed doors. No one seems to know the exact trouble now, since the institution opened up several days ago and then closed up again. The crowd in town has been considerably less since the closed door plan has been in operation.

## MAX.

Max, S. C., April 16.—The young folks of Beulah will give an entertainment Friday night for the benefit of the school house and grounds, which for the time and work that has been given promises to be highly creditable.

Mrs. Minnie Chandler has accepted a position as saleslady with the Beulah Mercantile Company.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Whitehead of Timmonsville are with their daughter, Mrs. N. K. Moore, who is still very sick.

Messrs. W. G. McBride and J. L. Moore, W. E. McBride and E. H. Sauls, around the Wood's mill, had their dogs killed on account of having fought with mad dogs.

Mr. Sauls, the miller, found and killed four weasels in his bed room recently.

A sad and unusual sight for this community was seen Saturday afternoon—a boy or young man staggering and hollering along the public road—name unknown to this writer.

Quarterly conference was held at Nazareth church Saturday and Sunday.

## TINDAL.

Tindal, April 17.—Our people are very busy planting cotton. The acreage, I suppose, will be about the same as it was last year, some may plant more, while others plant less.

The oats are doing well now and are likely to make a good crop.

This section was favored with a good rain on Saturday night, which was very acceptable after so much stormy weather.

The Providence school, with a few visitors present, had an egg hunt on Friday afternoon which was enjoyed by all.

Miss Celeste Hughson spent Saturday and Sunday in Sumter.

Mr. T. H. Harvin of Silver spent Wednesday at Mr. J. W. Broadway's. Several of Mr. J. P. Richardson's family are sick with measles.

Mr. Robert Holliday, who has been sick for several weeks past, is improving.

## CAMDEN NEWS NOTES.

Camden, April 13.—We have the credit of the first cotton up in the county; also have a good stand of March corn. If you want the best results, plant early.

We agree with your Pisgah correspondent that it is impossible to make a large cotton crop this year. March was so wet that all farmers are behind with their work. Labor is scarce and then the main reason for a short crop is the increase in acreage. A large acreage does not warrant a large crop. There will be so many acres planted and not worked. If you want to make a large crop reduce the acreage and fertilizer and work better. If everybody would to make a bale of cotton to the acre we would not need but 12,000,000 acres to make what we now make on 27,000,000. Ten or 12 million bales on 27 million acres, is a reflection on the South, no wonder the farmers cry "hard times."

With the present condition of labor to make less than 1,000 pound of seed cotton per acre is no business at all. There are too many farms rented and share-cropped, and managed by incompetent men. But so much the better for the better class of farmers. What we need, though, is general prosperity, and that will never be with the present methods.

## LEE COUNTY NEWS.

From the Bishopville Vindicator.

The fire that broke out in the forest on the Darlington side of Lynches river last Friday was very destructive not only to the forest, but several houses were burned. Mr. J. F. Norden living on Mr. C. L. Stuckey's place had his dwelling and barn and stable burned and lost every thing in the way of provisions and household goods. We heard of several others losing houses, but could not get their names.

Miss Lewis Giles Heath, a cousin of Mrs. C. C. Massey and a young lady of most lovable character, whose illness with measles followed with typhoid pneumonia was mentioned in our last issue peacefully passed away after an illness of about three weeks last Thursday evening, April 5.

Mr. and Mrs. G. S. Kelly of Slocum, Alabama, are out on a visit to relatives.

Miss Buelah Mathis, daughter of James Mathis of Heriot, who has been

afflicted all her life—never has been able to walk, died last Monday and was buried next day at St. John's church.

Mr. R. E. Capell, who has been superintendent on the Lee county chain-gang about 18 months, has resigned his position. Mr. J. G. Bevin, who has been acting as day guard, has been appointed by the county board of commissioners to succeed Mr. Capell.

Mrs. E. Frank Kelley with the little girl is spending this week with her parents in Sumter.

Mr. H. R. Barnes we hear is not doing well. He is suffering very much with his arm and it is thought he will have to go back to the hospital to have the ball extracted.

Mr. Bennie Price killed a large alligator seven and a half feet long at Cooper's mill.

Mr. Lad Montgomery had the misfortune of losing a quantity of lumber by fire last Saturday night.

## A GENUINE BOLL WEEVIL.

Mr. E. D. Smith Finds One in This State—Was Brought From Another State.

Columbia, April 17.—President E. D. Smith of the cotton association was in the city yesterday with a healthy specimen of the boll weevil, the bug that has worked such havoc with the Texas cotton growers. The weevil was picked off the coat of a man at Mr. Smith's home in Lee county, and it is believed that the insect was brought to this State in a car of hay from the Southwest. Just how many more there are in the State is not known, but it is just the season of the year when they multiply rapidly and a general warning will be issued the farmers by the Southern Cotton association. The fact that so much of the hay and other stock food is brought to this State from other sections instead of being home raised, Mr. Smith says, will be responsible for any damage to the cotton crop.

## THE CREIGHTON CASE ENDS.

Report of Findings Has Been Submitted to Presiding Elder of Greenwood District.

Spartanburg, April 15.—The committee appointed by the South Carolina Methodist conference to investigate the charges preferred against Rev. C. W. Creighton of Greenwood, completed its work Thursday afternoon. Rev. S. A. Nettles and Rev. W. A. Massabeau of this city were members of the committee. A report of the finding of the committee has been submitted to the presiding elder of the Greenwood district and it is expected that announcement of the finding will be made within the next few days from Greenwood. The Spartanburg members of the committee declined to make a statement for publication.

## RAILROAD WINS OUT.

Southern Railway Gets Big Sum for Running Fast Mail Train From Washington to New Orleans.

Washington, April 13.—The long expected and stubbornly debated question of giving the Southern railway a subsidy of something like \$100,000 for running train No. 97, the fast mail from Washington to New Orleans, came to a vote late this afternoon and the railroad won out by a vote of 99 to 96. The question was argued pro and con, but it is generally conceded that the arguments on the floor of the house are not to be compared in point of influence with the arguments used in private, for there has been much private interest in this measure. It is also thought that if the Foraker amendment to the rate bill, which forbids the issuance of all free transportation to members of congress, passes this will be the last time the Southern railway will get a subsidy.

## BUSH GETS TWO YEARS.

Man Who Killed Israel for Seducing His Daughter Sentenced to Penitentiary, But an Appeal Will Probably Be Taken.

Spartanburg, April 13.—Jesse Bush, convicted of manslaughter, was sentenced to two years in the penitentiary by Judge Memminger. It is understood that the attorneys for Bush will make an appeal, and pending the appeal the defendant has been released on bond. A petition will be presented to Governor Heyward asking for the pardon of Bush. It will be remembered that he killed James Israel for seducing his daughter.

## MR. B. C. WHITEHEAD DEAD.

Kingsree, April 13.—This community was shocked last night when it became known that Mr. Ben. C. Whitehead, the popular and efficient clerk of court, had dropped dead about 6:30 p. m., presumably from heart disease.

Mr. Whitehead was in the prime of life, being about 47 years of age, and was the picture of robust bodily health.

## WANT TO SPREAD OUT.

Sumter Telephone Company Trying to Buy Manning Exchange.

The new council will have before it soon a proposition in the nature of an application for a permit to establish another telephone system in this town. Messrs. I. C. Strauss and Henry Harby, representing the Sumter Telephone Company, came to Manning last Monday and had a conference with the present owners of the local system, with a view to purchasing; the result of the conference was not definite. The Sumter people prefer buying this company out, and will do so if the price is satisfactory, otherwise they will put in a new plant. There is some doubt about them being able to get in here, but this will not phase the Sumter promoters; if council declines to grant them a permit, in order to give the local concern a monopoly, the courts will be resorted to for relief. Manning needs a first class telephone service, one by which it can communicate with the entire county and surrounding towns. If our local company cannot give this to us, and they cannot, with their present outfit, then we sincerely hope they will sell out to a company which is prepared to give us a satisfactory service.—Manning Times.

## A MILLION CABBAGE PLANTS.

Split Car Load of Charleston Plants Started for State of Iowa.

A big refrigerator car of the Fruit Growers' Express, Armour car line, that will pass through several states before reaching its destination, left Charleston Tuesday night, bearing a forty-foot banner with the following inscription: "Loaded With One Million Frost Cabbage Plants, from William C. Geraty, Young Island, S. C., the Largest Grower of Cabbage Plants in the World. Over a Ton of Seed Planted Each Season."

"This shipment," said Mr. Robert B. French, agent of the line, last night, "is but one of several that will be made of like proportions, besides numerous smaller shipments. The solid car will go to a single consignee in the interior of the State of Iowa, and will naturally attract some attention as it goes forward with its big banner and interesting announcement. The excellence of cabbage plants grown in or near Charleston is known wherever the vegetable is raised and plants are always in demand."—News and Courier.

## WHITE MAN HAS RABIES.

An Alleged Case of Hydrophobia on an Aiken Trolley.

Aiken, April 11.—On a crowded trolley car, between Augusta and Aiken, tonight a panic was caused by the discovery that one of the passengers was suffering with hydrophobia. The man, James Howard, is said to be from New York and is unknown in this section.

The car coming from Augusta was crowded with women and children, who were greatly excited by the discovery, and the struggle which ensued when it was attempted to put off the passenger.

Howard was with a friend, named Hayes, also from New York. They had been standing on the rear platform of the car talking, but Howard went inside and when the car reached Warrenville the conductor noticed that the passenger was in a peculiar condition. He tried to arouse him, but could not and notified the other passenger with whom he had been seen talking. When several passengers went with the conductor to again try to arouse the apparently unconscious man, he sprang suddenly to his feet and fell full length on the floor, foaming at the mouth and trying to bite those near him. It required the utmost exertions of several passengers to control him, but he was finally put off the car when it reached Graniteville, and was tied with a strong rope. The authorities were notified and for the time he was left lying on the ground. A physician was summoned who administered chloroform and he was then taken into a house. What will be done for him when he comes from under the influence of the opiate is not known.

Howard's friend, James Hayes, states that Howard was bitten by a dog at Midville, Ga., ten days ago, and that the dog was then killed. Howard went to the hospital in Augusta for treatment, having a bad wound on his leg. If it was suspected that the dog was mad it was not made known and it seems that there was no suspicion that Howard was likely to have hydrophobia. He was on his way to Aiken tonight, and from here expected to go to Charleston. He and Hayes are railway linemen and have been at that work in Georgia. Howard is about 26 years old and Hayes is several years older. Both are said to be from New York city and have the appearance of being intelligent laboring men.—The State.

President Barr of the Seaboard Air Line has telegraphed Secretary Clark of the Columbia Chamber of Commerce that no change in the location of the general offices and shops of that railroad is contemplated.